IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 14, lines 19-26 with the following:

A check is performed, at step 205, to determine whether the interceptor 50 should allow or deny the access, or whether to modify the data access statement 40 by passing it to the limiter 54. If the action indicates an allow result, then the security filter 16 merely allows the data access statement 40 to proceed, as depicted at step 206~~106~~. If the action 55C indicates a deny result, then at step 207 the security filter denies the access and terminates the data access statement 40. If the action 55C indicates a modify result, then the interceptor 54 invokes the limiter 54 to perform modification of the data access attempt 40.

Please replace the paragraph from page 16, line 20-page 17, line 3 with the following:

Further to the SQL processing of the data access statement 40 (request), in the exemplary SQL configuration, as described above, intercepting the data access statement 40 includes receiving an SQL query and limiting includes appending conditional selection statements to the SQL query, in which the conditional selection statements are computed from the security policy 18, to generate the resulting data access transaction 42, as shown at step 216. Such appending includes, at step 217, building a parse tree corresponding to the SQL query. A parse tree is a data structure representative of the linear, pseudocode-like text string SQL query. The parse tree, as is known to those of skill in the art and described further below, includes nodes indicative of operators, field identifiers, and values, for rendering a Boolean result for a request of a data item 22. Accordingly, at step 218, limiting includes adding nodes into the parse tree corresponding to the appended conditional selection statements. Once modified to represent the additional indications avoiding the restricted data items 24, at step 219, the limiter reprocesses the parse tree to generate the resulting data access statement 42, i.e. the resulting data access transaction 32 based on a request from the application 14.